

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 31, 1999

FROM: CAROL L. ANSELM, Director
Transitional Assistance Department

SUBJECT: CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS HOSPITALS FOR SSG OUTSTATION MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY WORKER SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the following contracts between the listed hospitals and San Bernardino County, Social Services Group (SSG) for Medi-Cal Eligibility Worker services to be provided at each facility commencing September 1, 1999.

1. Loma Linda University Medical Center
2. Bear Valley Community Health Care District (Big Bear Location)
3. San Antonio Community Hospital (Upland Location)
4. Kaiser Permanente (Fontana Location)
5. Inland Empire Community Health Center (Bloomington Location)

BACKGROUND: In August 1986, the Board of Supervisors approved the first agreement for outstationed Eligibility Workers with Loma Linda University Medical Center. Under this agreement, SSG assigned an eligibility worker to the Medical Center to accept and assist in the completion of Medi-Cal applications for eligible County residents. Obtaining Medi-Cal benefits will ensure the residents receive adequate medical care, and that the Medical Center receives reimbursement. Beginning November 1988, the Board of Supervisors approved similar agreements with additional hospitals in the area.

These new contracts will update the language and cost reimbursement to eliminate all outdated information. Due to the ongoing relationship of these services, these are all open-ended contracts.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: These contracts have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Regina Coleman) and SSG Contract Compliance designee (Don Larkin).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Adequate appropriations and revenues have been included in the department's FY 1999-00 budget for these contracts. These contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. In the event that the County exceeds allowable Federal/State funding, the hospitals are required to reimburse the County for the annual cost of each Eligibility Worker assigned to that Hospital. There is no additional local cost.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS: All

PRESENTER: Carol Anselmi, Director, Transitional Assistance Department

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